

Table 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996-2005
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim ¹	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Percent change	
											1996- 2005	2004- 2005
Total												
Number of victims.....	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	-14.0	4.6
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	37,004,661	14.3	1.1
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	-24.4	4.6
White												
Number of victims.....	617	547	523	446	421	442	417	444	422	419	-32.1	-0.7
Percent of total victims..	21.2%	21.2%	24.1%	22.2%	20.3%	20.1%	17.4%	18.5%	17.6%	16.7%		
Population.....	17,787,715	17,849,510	17,258,003	17,339,690	17,421,511	17,503,225	17,573,850	17,635,296	15,967,775	15,852,937	-10.9	-0.7
Percent of population....	52.5%	52.0%	51.5%	50.9%	50.3%	49.7%	49.1%	48.5%	43.9%	43.0%		
Rate.....	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	-25.7	0.0
Hispanic												
Number of victims.....	1,291	1,154	964	909	933	985	1,066	1,053	1,034	1,139	-11.8	10.2
Percent of total victims..	44.4%	44.7%	44.4%	45.3%	45.0%	44.8%	44.6%	43.8%	43.2%	45.5%		
Population.....	10,114,228	10,421,039	10,022,551	10,352,763	10,688,752	11,020,710	11,352,852	11,685,915	12,816,038	13,220,223	30.7	3.2
Percent of population....	29.9%	30.4%	29.9%	30.4%	30.8%	31.3%	31.7%	32.1%	35.2%	35.9%		
Rate.....	12.8	11.1	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.9	9.4	9.0	8.1	8.6	-32.8	6.2
Black												
Number of victims.....	794	682	523	488	589	622	734	713	766	758	-4.5	-1.0
Percent of total victims..	27.3%	26.4%	24.1%	24.3%	28.4%	28.3%	30.7%	29.7%	32.0%	30.3%		
Population.....	2,330,391	2,314,836	2,309,152	2,320,916	2,337,935	2,355,812	2,373,399	2,390,411	2,425,066	2,456,783	5.4	1.3
Percent of population....	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%		
Rate.....	34.1	29.5	22.6	21.0	25.2	26.4	30.9	29.8	31.6	30.9	-9.4	-2.2
Other²												
Number of victims.....	198	177	147	157	121	145	166	185	167	182	-8.1	9.0
Percent of total victims..	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	7.8%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%	7.0%	7.3%		
Population.....	3,631,305	3,709,816	3,916,700	4,059,109	4,205,197	4,353,588	4,502,137	4,651,880	5,167,532	5,324,281	46.6	3.0
Percent of population....	10.7%	10.8%	11.7%	11.9%	12.1%	12.4%	12.6%	12.8%	14.2%	14.4%		
Rate.....	5.5	4.8	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.2	3.4	-38.2	6.3
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	10	19	13	6	10	7	9	7	5	5	-	-
Percent of total victims..	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%		
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by race/ethnic group will not add to total because of variations in population source data.

Dash indicates that the percent of population and rate for the "unknown" category cannot be calculated because there are no unknown race/ethnic group population data.

The "percent of population" category for race/ethnic group was calculated using the sum of the race/ethnic group populations.

¹ Beginning in 2004, population estimates are based on the 2000 Census. Previous population estimates are based on revisions of the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples.

² Beginning in 2004, the "Other" category includes the new race/ethnic group of "Multi-racial." The extent to which this new race/ethnic group effects other population estimates is not known.